

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 4074-01
BILL NO.: HB 1959
SUBJECT: Eliminates the Statute of Limitations on Sexual Offenses
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 25, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** assume this proposal will not fiscally affect their agency.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** stated there may be some increase in the number of cases; however, the OSCA does not believe that the increase would be so great as to cause a fiscal impact on the judiciary.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** have not responded to Oversight's request for fiscal information nor have they provided a ten-year prison impact statement as required by Section 217.022 RSMo. However, **Oversight** assumes the proposal would have minimal impact on the prison or probation populations. The exact cost cannot be estimated, but is expected to be less than \$100,000 annually.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services (OPS)** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact. **Oversight** assumes the OPS and the local prosecuting attorneys can absorb any additional responsibilities relating to this proposal with existing resources.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs - Department of Corrections</u>	Less than	Less than	Less than
Increased Prison or Probation Costs	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
ESTIMATED EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>Less than (\$100,000)</u>	<u>Less than (\$100,000)</u>	<u>Less than (\$100,000)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

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DESCRIPTION

This proposal permits the prosecution for all sexual offenses to be commenced at any time. Currently, prosecution for sexual offenses must commence within 3 years except for offenses involving a victim 18 and under, which must commence within 10 years of the victim's eighteenth birthday.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services
Office of State Courts Administrator
Office of State Public Defender

NOT RESPONDING: Office of Prosecution Services and Department of Corrections

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett".

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
February 25, 2000